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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MEETING ON NEW SYSTEM OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

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1. SUMMARY: SECRETARIAT PROPOSES MEETING OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
STATISTICAL EXPERTS DURING FIRST WEEK OF JUNE. PURPOSE OF MEETING
WILL BE TO CONSIDER WAYS OF EXPEDITING WIDER ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL

SYSTEM OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (SNA) AMONG OECD MEMBERS. OBSERVERS
FROM UN AND EEC STATISTICAL OFFICES WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND.
ACTION REQUESTED. U.S. AGREEMENT TO CONVENING OF MEETING. END
SUMMARY.

2. SUBJECT MEETING ON SNA, TO BE HELD UNDER AUSPICES OF EDRC,
IS NEXT STEP IN CONTINUING EFFORTS OF OECD AND UN TO BRING ABOUT
WORLD-WIDE ADOPTION OF STANDARDIZED SYSTEM OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTING.
SNA FIRST INTRODUCED BY UN IN 1968, BUT HAS STILL NOT BEEN ADOPTED
BY MORE THAN HALF OF OECD MEMBERS. ONE REASON FOR THIS HAS BEEN
PARALLEL WORK OF EEC ON EVEN MORE PRECISE METHOD OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTING

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(EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF INTEGRATED ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS (ESA). PURPOSE

OF PROPOSED MEETING IS TO DISCUSS OBSTACLES TO WIDER ADOPTION OF SNA AMONG OECD MEMBERS AND PROBLEMS OF COORDINATION WITH ESA.

3. SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL FOR JUNE MEETING WAS DISCUSSED AT EDRC ANNUAL REVIEW OF SWITZERLAND ON FEB 7. DELEGATES WELCOMED IDEA OF MEETING (U.S. DEL ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS), AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN KNOWING MAIN AREAS OF STATISTICAL INCONSISTENCY WHICH STILL CAUSE PROBLEMS. SECRETARIAT PROMISED TO DISCUSS PROBLEM AREAS IN DOCUMENTATION FOR MEETING.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: CONFIRMATION OF U.S. WILLINGNESS TO HAVE THIS MEETING CONVENED, AND AGREEMENT THAT APPROPRIATE U.S. STATISTICAL EXPERTS WILL PARTICIPATE.BROWN

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